EXTRACTS FROM THE MINUTES

OF THE

THIRTY-THIRD SESSION

OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium,

OF THE

State of New-York,

AND

ADJACENT PARTS.

CONVENED IN SYNOD

IN ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, NEW-YORK,

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SUNDAY, Sept. 14th, 1828.

In pursuance of Resolution XIII. of XXXII. session, the members assembled in St. Matthew's Church, in the city of New-York, for the exercises of public worship.

The Rev. President, Dr. WACKERHAGEN preached in the morning, from Isaiah III, 10, 11. "*Say ye to the righteous that it shall be well with him,*" &c.

The Rev. F. G. MAYER preached in the afternoon, and the Rev. H. N. POHLMAN in the evening. On the same day, the Rev. Dr. HAZELIUS preached in the morning and in the afternoon in St. James' Church, and Rev. G. A. LINTNER, in the same Church in the evening.

MORNING SITTING.

MONDAY, September 15.

The Ministers and Delegates having assembled at the appointed hour, the Synod was opened with prayer by the Rev. President.

The President then gave notice that the Rev. J. R: GOODMAN, who had been Secretary to the Synod, having left our Church, he had appointed the Rev. Dr. GEISSENHAINER Secretary pro. tem.

CLERICAL MEMBERS PRESENT.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

1 Rev. A. WACKERHAGEN, D. D. President of the Ministerium; Pastor of the Evangel cal Lutheran Churches in Germantown and Livingston, Columbia county, N. Y.

2 " Rev. F. W. GEISSENHAINER, D. D. Treasurer of the Ministerium; Pastor of the United German Lutheran Churches in the city of New York.

3 " F. J. G. UHL, Pastor, &c. Churchtown, Columbia county, N. Y.

4 " P. MAYER, D. D. &c St. John's Philadelphia.

5 " F. G. MAYER, &c. Ebenezer Church, Albany, N. Y.

6 " E. L. HAZELIUS, D. D. Principal of Hartwick Seminary, Hartwick, N. Y.

7 " F. C. SCHAEFFER, St. James' Church, City of N. York.

8 " G. A. LINTNER, Schoharie, Cobbleskill and Middleburg, Schoharie county, N. Y.

9 " G. B. MILLER.

10 " H. N. POHLMAN, New Germantown, German Valley, and Spruce Run, N. J.

11 " A. CROWNCE, Sharon and Durlach, Schoharie co. N. Y.

12 " F. GUENTHER, Earnest Township, Addison county, U.C.

13 " J. P. GEORTNER, Johnstown, Montgomery county, N. Y.

14 " J. BERGER, Ghent and Milville, Columbia county, N.Y.

15 " W J. EYER, Wirtemberg, Dutchess county, N. Y.

16 " P. WIETING, Le Ray, Jefferson county, Lowville, Lewis county, N. Y.

17 " J. SENDERLING, Cicero, Onondaga county, N. Y.

18 " F. W. GEISSENHAINER, Jr. St. Matthews' N. York city

19 " J. D. LAWYER, Stone Arabia, Minden and Palatine, Montgomery county, N. Y.

CANDIDATES.

20 " C. B. THUMMEL.

21 " T. LAPE.

22 The Rev. JACOB MILLER, delegated from the Synod of Pennsylvania, was introduced, and invited to participate in the deliberations and acts of the Synod.

LAY DELEGATES.

23 Mr. Adam Puls, Churchtown.
24 " Jeremiah Fellow, Germantown and Livingston.
25 " Francis Bradt, Albany.
26 " William Havenmeyer, United German Lutheran Churches, (New York city.)
27 " Clark Davison, Hartwick.
28 " Joseph Hoxie, St. James' Church, New York.
29 " Andrew Beller, Schoharie, Middleburg and Cobbleskill.
30 " H. Engel, Sharon and Durlach.
31 " William Lambert, New Germantown, German Valley and N. J. Spruce Run,
32 " Nehon Frailey, Ernestown, U. C.
33 " Andrew A. Sharts, Ghent and Milville.
34 " J. M. Eckert, Wirtemberg.
35 " Michael Moore, Johnstown.
36 " David Augsberry, Lowville and Le Ray.
37 " John C. Nellis, Palatine, Stone Arabia and Minden.
38 " William F. Havenmeyer, St. Matthews' Church, N. York.
39 " John Lape, jr. commissioner from Sandlake, Brunswick and Schaticoke.

CONGREGATIONS NOT REPRESENTED.

Rhinebeck, Guilderland and Burne, Saddle River and Ramapo, Canajoharie, Cicero, Summit and Davenport, Williamsburg, U. C,

CLERICAL MEMBERS ABSENT.

1 Rev. F. H. Quitman, D. D. Senior of the Ministerium, excused.
2 " H. Mœller, excused.
3 " J. W. Starman, do
4 " H. Hayunga, do
5 " F. W. Lehman, do
6 " D. Hendricks, not excused:
7 " P. G. Cole, do

Objections having been raised against registering Rev. P. W. Domier, on motion of Mr. Lintner, the Synod resolved, to proceed to the election of officers. On counting the ballots it appeared that the following gentlemen were chosen, viz :

Rev. E. S. HAZELIUS, D. D. President,
" H. N. POHLMAN, Treasurer,
" GEO. B. MILLER, Secretary.

On reading the Minutes of the last Synod, it appeared that there was an error in the statement of the contribution from Ghent and Milville, which should be $3 instead of $2.

The Rev. Dr Wackerhagen, as former President, then made a report on the state of the churches in connexion with this Synod in the past year, as far as it had come under his cognizance.

On motion of Rev. H. G. Mayer, seconded by Rev. G. A. Lintner,

III. Resolved, That the Synod receive thankfully, the interesting Report of the late Rev. President, and that he be requested to give a copy for insertion on the minutes.

Various reports of committees and other business coming before the present Synod, were then submitted.

Mr. John Lape jun. Commissioner from Sand Lake, Brunswick and Schaticoke gave notice that these congregations desired the Synod to recommend a minister to them.

The parochial reports and contributions both to the Synodical and Missionary funds are exhibited in the following tabular view.

Parochial Reports and Congregational Contributions.

CONGREGATIONS.	BAPTISMS		Confirmations	Communicants.	Deaths.	CONTRIBUTIONS		SUNDAY SCHOOLS.	
	Infants	Adults.				Mission	Synod	Sch'ls.	Schol'rs.
Germantown,	39	—	—	164	15	$4 62	$2 00	1	—
Livingston,	4	2	3	140		2 00		—	—
United German Lutheran Churches,	60	3	12 ad.	344		5 00	5 00	—	—
St. Matthew's,	—	—	—		30	—	5 00	1	—
Churchtown,	93	—	—	141		—		—	—
Ebenezer, Albany,	26	—	4	106	6 : 5 remov.	—	2 00	—	—
St. James', New-York,	55	1	10. 4 adm.	200	7	—	5 00	—	—
Hartwick,	2	—	—	34	—	4 50	—	1	50
Schoharie, &c.	131	—	10	472	8	—	3 00	1	at Carlisle.
Brunswick, Sand Lake &c.	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
New Germantown, &c.	46	—	2	170	9	20 00	4 50	1	50
Sharon and Durlach,	36	—	—	96	—	—	—	—	—
Wirtemburgh,	27	3	38	171	8	—	2 00	—	—
Ghent,	27	1	2	106	8	—	4 00	1	75
Milville,	19	—	3	25	6	—			
Stone Arabia,	30	—	2	80	—	15 12	2 00	1	in Palatine,
Palatine,	2	—	3	35	—				
Minden,	45	—	30	123	—				
Johnstown,	34	—	—	70	3	—	3 00	3	90
St. John's, Philadelphia,	73	—	18	187	—	—	—	2	—
Fredericksburgh. U. C.	87	—	6	45	—	2 00	2 00	1	—
Ernestown, U. C.	31	—	9	24	—			1	—
Richmond, U. C.	4	—	—	8	—			1	—
Lowville,	83	—	—	30	—	—	—	—	—
Le Ray,		—	—	33	—	—	—	—	—
Guilderland and Berne.	27	—	4	140	—	—	2 00	—	
	1073	10	161	2944	100	$48 24	41 50	15	265

Contributions to the Missionary and Synodial Funds were made by the following gentlemen as follows: viz—

Rev. P Mayer, D D.	contributed to the		Synodical Fund,		$5 00
Rev E. L. Hazelius,	do.		do		3 00
Rev P Wieting,	do.		do		1 00
Rev Geo B. Miller,	do.		do		1 00
Rev J Berger,	do	Missionary	do	1 00	
Rev Mr Eyer,	do	do	do	1 00	
Amount of contribn'ions to Miss. Fund as exhibited in the preceding table,				$48 24	
Amount of do. to Synodical Fund,					41 50
			Total,	$50 24	$51 50

The Synod having been adjourned to 3 o'clock P. M. was closed by prayer.

AFTERNOON SITTING.

Monday, Sept. 15.

Opened by prayer by Rev F. C. Schæffer.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Mayer, seconded by Rev. F. G Mayer,

VII. Resolved, That the papers relative to the expense of Rev. Mr Pfeiffer's funeral, and all other demands upon the Treasury, be referred to the Committee on Treasury accounts.

On motion of Rev. J. P. Gœrtner seconded by Rev. G. A. Lintner,

VIII. Resolved, That the Report of the Committee appointed to investigate the case of Rev. F. C. Schæffer, be read.

The result of several resolutions respecting said Report was, that the second section thereof, announcing the opinion of the Committees, as to the credibility of the witnesses who had appeared on the investigation, be struck out, and the following words added to the first section, which declares that the committee are unanimously of opinion that the charges with their specifications, have not been sustained: viz.—"And we pronounce the Rev. F. C. Schæffer, not guilty."

After prayer, the Synod adjourned till 9 o'clock of the following day.

MORNING SITTING.

Tuesday, Sept. 16.

Opened by prayer by Rev. Mr. Lintner.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Wackerhagen, seconded by the Secretary,

IX. Resolved, That the President be requested to have the Report of the Committee appointed to draft a Constitution for a society, for the relief of aged or disabled Ministers, their Widows and Orphans, published in the Lutheran Magazine, together with an additional number of copies, as many as may be thought necessary.

The Committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's accounts having reported to the Synod, it was resolved that the report be accepted.

Balance in the Treasury, $53,00, which was paid over to the new Treasurer.

The report concerning the Misssionary funds from the same Committee, was also accepted.

Balance of Missionary funds, $50,46, which was paid over to the new Treasurer.

The report of the Missionary Committee was then read and accepted.

The Rev. Mr. Hazelius, as Chairman of the Committee, appointed by Res. VI. of the 32d session of the Synod, reported progress and desired to be released from any further duties, as their services were anticipated by the actual establishment of a Home Missionary Society for our church, during the past year. Which report was accepted and the prayer granted.

On motion of Rev. J. D. Lawyer, seconded by Rev. J. P. Gœrtner,

X. Resolved, That a Committee be again appointed on vacant Congregations and Missionary concerns. Whereupon the following gentlemen were appointed: viz.

Rev. Messrs. Lintner, Pohlman, Crownce, and Messrs. Hoxie and Cox.

The Report of the Committee on Hartwick Seminary having been presented and read, [*See Appendix C.*]

On motion of Rev. Dr. Wackerhagen, seconded by Rev. Mr. Wieting,

XI. Resolved, That the Synod rejoice to hear of the flourishing condition of the Seminary, and that the Report be accepted.

Rev. G. A. Lintner, chairman of said committee, having resigned his place in consequence of having been chosen a Trustee, the President nominated Rev. F. C. Schæffer to fill the vacancy.

On motion of Rev. J. D. Lawyer, seconded by Rev. G. A. Lintner,

XII. Resolved, That the vacancy occurring in the committee appointed by Res. XI of the last Synod, to submit to the next Synod the terms and requirements under which congregations shall be admitted into this body by lay representation; and that they likewise prepare a mode of proceeding in case of impeachment, if any of the clerical members of this house be filled.

The President accordingly named the Secretary to be member of said committee.

The other members are Rev F. C. Schæffer, and Messrs Sneckner and Ogden.

Resolution XV. of last session of the Synod having been called up, which was to this effect, that the Rev Mr. Mayer, the secretary, Messrs Feltman and Simmons, be a committee to procure all necessary information in respect to the procuring of an act of incorporation; and that they be authorized to report by petition to the State Legislature or otherwise.

Rev Mr Mayer as chairman of said committee, stated that they had been informed on competent authority that any such application to the Legislature, as that which was contemplated in the above resolution would be useless

On motion of Rev G A Lintner, seconded by Rev Dr. Wackerhagen,

XIII Resolved, That the committee be discharged, after considerable discussion with the case of Rev P M. Domeir. The Synod adjourned to meet again at 3 o'clock, P. M.

Closed with prayer by Rev F. C. Schæffer.

AFTERNOON SITTING.

Tuesday, Sept. 16.

Opened with prayer by Mr Eyer.

Mr Domeir being expected to appear before the Synod, other business was transacted in the interim

On motion of Rev. H. N. Pohlman, seconded by Rev. G. A. Lintner,

XIV. Resolved, That when the Synod shall adjourn, it shall be to the town of Palatine, Montgomery County, on the 2d Sunday in September, 1829.

Rev. J. Berger gave notice to the Synod that a new Lutheran Church had been erected at Milville, in Kinderhook, Columbia co. and would be ready for dedication on the 2d Wednesday of November, at which solemnity the President and clerical members of the Synod were invited to attend

The Rev Mr. Schrœder of the Episcopal Church, was introduced to the Synod by Rev. Dr. Wackerhagen

On motion of Rev Dr Mayer, seconded by the Secretary,

XV. Resolved, That a committee be appointed to meet in the town of Palatine, to inquire into the charges alleged against the Rev Mr. Domeir, that Mr. Domeir choose two members of the Synod, that the Synod appoint two others, and that these four choose a fifth to constitute the committee.

And that if this committee after due inquiry, shall report to the President, that Mr. Domeir is in their opinion, guilty of the alleged charges of repeated intemperance, the President shall declare Mr Domeir suspended from all ministerial functions, during the pleasure of the Ministerium; except always, that such investigation shall not go back beyond the time of Mr Domeir's former suspension.

In consequence of this resolution, Mr Domeir chose Rev. J. Berger, and Mr Havenmeyer Jun; the Synod appointed Rev. F. C. Schæffer, and George B. Miller

On motion of Rev. H. N. Pohlman, seconded by Rev. F. G. Mayer,

XVI Resolved, That the Pastor of the Church and Congregation of St. Matthew's, be requested to return the thanks of this body to his people, for their kind attention to the members of the Synod.

To the surprise of the members of the Synod, the Rev. J. P. Geortner arose and tendered his resignation, as a member of the Ministerium.

On motion of Rev. H. N. Pohlman, seconded by Rev. J. Berger,

XVII. Resolved, That it is with sincere regret and heartfelt sorrow, that the Synod accept this resignation of a beloved brother.

A motion for adjournment having been put and carried, the session of the present Synod was closed with prayer by the President.

MINISTERIAL SITTING.

Monday noon.

The Rev. President presented Mr. John Eisenlord, a student of divinity of Hartwick Seminary for examination.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Mayer, seconded by Rev. J. Berger,

XVIII. Resolved, That a committee be appointed to examine said gentleman.

The following gentlemen were accordingly appointed by the President: viz.—Rev. Dr. Wackerhagen, Rev. F. G. Mayer and Jacob Miller.

SECOND MINISTERIAL SITTING.

Tuesday noon.

The committee appointed to examine Mr. Eisenlord, reported that they received much pleasure in the discharge of their duty, and find reason to recommend Mr. Eisenlord to the kind regard of this Ministerium.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Mayer, seconded by Rev. J. P. Gœrtner,

XIX. Resolved, That the report be accepted, and that Mr. Eisenlord be publicly invested with the privileges of a licensed candidate.

In consequence of the above resolution of the Ministerium, at the meeting for public worship in the evening of the same day, the President gave a solemn charge to the candidate, and having received his promise to abide by the Constitution of the Ministerium, the license was handed to Mr. Eisenlord.

I certify that the above is a faithful abstract from the original minutes.

GEO. B. MILLER, *Secretary.*

APPENDIX.

A.

Extracts from the Report of the President of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the State of New York, &c. convened in St. Matthew's Church, New York, Sept. 15, 1828.

Beloved Brethren—Month after month and year after year rolls on under the almighty, the wise and holy Providence of God—event succeeds event, and one change follows the other, still we must with grateful hearts confess, that in the goodness of God owards us, no change has taken place; that the Lord has been gracious to His Church in the past, no less than in the preceeding synodical year. Our lots are cast in pleasant places; our borders have continued to expand; our numbers increase; our labors and exertions are not destitute of success, and the prospects before us, cast a cheering light over our ecclesiastical horizon. Grateful for the past, rejoicing in and improving the present, encouraged in our hopes for that which is to come; let us close the Synodical year, and pass the threshold of another, with an increase of upright faith, of enlightened zeal and useful exertion in the cause of Christ and of Heaven! Grant me now your kind attention, whilst I communicate to you such facts and events within the limits of our part of the Christian Church, as have fallen under my cognizance, and as may be deserving your uotice:

1. In the middle of October, 1827, I preached to the Lutheran Congregation at Athens, where I administered the Lord's Supper; and, before a large audience, performed the rite of Baptism upon an elderly man, which greatly added to the solemnity of the day, and appeared to make a deep impression upon the audience.

2. Mr T. Lape, Candidate, wrote to me from Johnstown, Montgomery Co. informing me that he had accepted of a call from the

Lutheran Congregation of that place, during the absence of the Rev. Mr. Gœrtner (No. 1.)

3. In the month of November, the Rev. Mr. Goodman informed me that the solemn dedication of the new Church, built in the preceeding summer by his Congregation at Scaghticoke, had taken place on the 25th of that month.

4 From the Rev. Mr Senderling, I was sorry to learn that his situation at Clay and Liverpool was rather discouraging on account of the unpromising condition of his Congregations, and that he was desirous to transfer his Ministerial labours to a more promising field. (No. 2.)

I endeavored to encourage brother S. to continue yet for a season, in his present engagements, in the hope that the Lord would have a special regard to him and his flocks, or else open to him a door for more successful exertions in another portion of his vineyard. Some time after which I was happy to be informed by the Rev Dr Hazelius, that the prospects of brother S. were brightening perceptibly, that a Parsonage was building for him, &c.

5. At the request of brother Hayunga, I addressed, in the month of December, a pastoral letter to his Congregations at Williamsburgh and Osnabruck, U. C. which appears to have been received by them with kindness, and to have had beneficial effects.

6 About the middle of December, the unfortunate Mr. Domier addressed to me a petition, couched in the most penitent and contrite language, for the removal of the suspension passed upon him by the last Synod, which petition was backed and strengthened by the signature of 96 inhabitants of Stone-Arabia and the vicinity, testifying to the good and irreproachable conduct of the petitioner for the period of the two last years and upwards. (No 3.)

After a long and mature consideration; after having deliberately weighed the circumstances of the case; after personal conversation with the Senior of our Ministerium, and after correspondence with my fellow-officers and other Clerical Brethren, upon the highly momentous subject, seconded and encournged by their unanimous opinion, I made use of the power committed to me by the 13th resolution passed in the last Synod, and in the name and I hoped, in the spirit of the Synod, in an Official Document addressed to the petitioner and to the community at large, declared the sentence of suspension removed from the Rev P. W. Domier, and him reinstated into his former standing and privileges as a Member of the Ministerium of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the state of New-York, &c. The Document is dated January 4th, 1828. (No. 4.)

7. Immediately upon the dispatch of that document, a letter (No. 5.) came to my hands, written at Stone-Arabia, by our Brother Hazelius, and signed by himself and our Brother Lintner, Crownce, Lawyer, and the Candidate, T. Lape, and containing serious remonstrances against the above petition of the ev. P. W. Domier, and representing certain statements in the attestations annexed to Mr. Domier's petition as incorrect, and expressing it as the conscientious opinion of the signers, that Mr. D. had not reformed and that his restoration at the time would have a pernicious influence on the congregation at Stone-Arabia, &c.

The above letter I answered, setting forth the concurrent circumstances which had induced me to feel myself authorised to grant, in the name and as the organ of the Synod, the petition of P. W. Domier. (No. 6.)

8. Through a long series of years, not less I think than thirty, an unfortunate brother, the Rev Mr. Pfeiffer, formerly Minister of the Gospel in the Evangelical Lutheran Church at [illegible]hinebeck, and one of the earliest German Ministers settled in the State, had, by a total mental derangement been disabled to perform any clerical functions. Secluded from all intercourse with society, he led a melancholy and solitary life. During the last eighteen years, the unhappy brother had partly been supported by the liberality of individuals belonging to our Ministerium, and the generous appropriations annually granted him from our common funds. After having lingred through the last stage of utter helplessness and bodily sufferings, he breathed his last in the fall of 1827, at the advanced age of at least four score years. O, how unsearchable are the judgments of the Lord, and His ways past finding out! May the protracted and afflictive dispensation of an overruling and still ever wise and good Providence, experienced by that now released sufferer, inspire us with humility and resignation to God and excite us to improve our time and talents in His service, while time and talents are still granted to us. And may the spirit of our departed brother before the throne of God, enjoy that rest and bliss, which earth could not afford him!

The vouchers for the unavoidable expenses incurred by his last illness, by the attention paid him, and by his interment, will, no doubt, be laid before you.

9. In the month of February, I was favored with the notice of the solemn induction of the Rev. J. D. Lawyer into his Church at Minden, which took place on the first day of the year.* (No. 7.)

*Rev. Mr. Lawyer was installed at Stone-Arabia, Jan. 1, 1828, as Pastor of the Associated Ev. Luth. Churches, at Stone-Arabia, Minden and Palatine.

In the same letter, brother Hazelius conveys the gratifying intelligence of the success accompanying the labors of our younger brethren, Guenther and Hayunga, in Canada; the former of whom has formed a new Congregation at Mohawk-Bay, and is endeavoring to introduce a Minister into the Congregation at Bath; the Congregation of the latter at Williamsburgh, is visibly increasing in numbers and respectability. (No. 7.)

10. In the early spring of the year, the Candidate Mr. Thummel, informed me that the Lutheran Congregation at Danube, not finding themselves competent to raise any adequate salary for him, he had upon the recommendation of the Rev Dr. Hazelius, accepted of a situation as teacher in the Polytechny, conducted by Dr. Yates, at Chittenango, Madison Co. where he entertains the hope of collecting a Congregation from some Lutheran families in the vicinity.

11 In the early season I found myself encouraged to establish in my immediate naighbourhood, a Bible Class and a Sunday School; the small Lutheran Catechism is exclusively used in the latter.

12. In the month of May, brother Crownce announced to me that he had left his former charges at Sharon and Durlach, and accepted of, and entered upon a call from the united Congregations in Guilderland and Bern where a Parsonage was intended to be built for him.

13. On the first day of June, Trinity Sunday, I had the pleasure to meet as a Delegate from this body, with the members of the Evaneglical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania, assembled in the town of Reading, (not in the city of Baltimore,) where I preached in the German Language. On the succeeding morning I was by the then President, the Rev. Dr. H. Muhlenberg, introduced to the very numerous and respectable Synod, from which body I met with the most cordial and amicable reception. I was deeply penetrated with the kind and brotherly regard cherished by that Synod for ours. The whole Meeting, altho' not of a long duration, was highly pleasing and edifying. The Synod voted 25 copies of their Proceedings to the Synod of our State, and their newly elected President, the Rev. Jacob Miller, son-in-law to our brother, the Rev. Dr. Geissenhainer, was appointed a Delegate from that Synod to our own, now assembled within these sacred walls.

14. On the 23d of June, I received a letter from the Rev. J. R. Goodman, informing me that "measures having been adopted, which demand a resignation of membership in the Ministerium of our Church, and of his office of Secretary thereto, he therewith tenders the same." Mr. G. at the same time sends in his parochial

returns:—confirmed 33, baptized 37, adults 2, deaths 5. [No. 12.]

15. Upon the solicitation of the United Congregations, at Sandlake, Brunswick and Schaghticoke, communicated to me by the Rev. F. G. Mayer, I visited and preached in the three different Churches on Sunday and Monday, 6th and 7th of July. On the 8th, the Rev. F. G. Mayer and myself met the United Vestries of the three Churches in Troy, consulting with them on ways and means, to have the Word of Life preached to them occasionally, until it may please God in His good Providence, to point out to them a Pastor, to take charge of the destitute flocks. I have since visited them again, and spent two successive Sundays with them. Besides the Messrs. Cole, Berger, Lape, Lehmann, and others have preached among them.

16. I rejoice in the information imparted by the Rev. Brother Hazelius, that the Lutheran Congregation at Canajoharie, which was bereaved of their Pastor by the removal of the Rev. G. B. Miller to Hartwick, in the fall of last year, is, by no means, left destitute at present, since brother Hazelius himself, and the Rev. Messrs. Miller, Lawyer, and Lape, and the Students of Theology under the Rev. Dr's. tuition, supply that Church. Dr Hazelius informs me that Mr. Eisenlord, the oldest Student of Theology at Hartwick, by the Doctor's recommendation, preaches in the vacant Congregations at Durlach and Sharon; and that the Rev. Mr. Pohlman intends to resign one of his present Congregations, to be united to another in Warren County, N. J. for the purpose of supporting a Minister by their united means.

17. Towards the end of July, I gave myself the pleasure to send letters of invitation to the ensuing meeting of the Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in this State, &c. to the respective members of our Ministerium.

18. Having omitted above, under the month of May, to inform you of an important event, which at that period has taken place within the limits of our Ministerium, I take pleasure in supplying the omission in this place. Our brother Hazelius, in a letter dated May 15th, conveys the information that *their* Convention, by which I presume, you have to understand the association formed some two years since, chiefly by the Western Members of our Ministerium, and since known to the world from Public Documents, by the name of the Western Conference of Lutheran Ministers in the State of New-York—that their Convention held from the 10th to

the 14th May, at Minden, have formed a Missionary Society, styled "The Home Missionary Society of the Lutheran Church in the State of New-York," by which "general title," an opportunity is given to all their Clerical Brethren and Congregations, to unite with them. The success of the society in making Missionary collections has been really great, and they anticipate a yearly income of near $800. (No. 8.)

19. From report, I had, since some time in the month of August, learnt that our beloved brother, the Rev. Mr. Geortner, had returned from his tour to and through some parts of Europe, whither he had repaired in quest of one of the greatest earthly treasures, health. In the fond and devout hope, that our brother has found again the treasure which was lost, and that once more he will be restored to his Congregation and to our Meetings, we do not regret the close of the "Traveller's Manuscript," which many of us no doubt, have read with a lively interest, during the wanderings of its author. May his health and useful activity continue henceforth thro' a goodly number of years.

20. Before I close, I deem it my duty, to direct your attention to the Congregations in connexion with this Synod, which, at present are deprived of the regular dispensation of the word of God, and which are in want of settled ministers among them. They are chiefly the following: Sandlake, Brunswick and Schaghticoke, and Sharon and Durlach. There is reason to hope, that the former will separate and support two ministers, provided they can be obtained A number of smaller congregations, are, indeed, as destitute as the above; but being as yet unprovided with Churches and parsonage, the difficulties to support standing ministers appear too great for the present, to view them in another light, than as an extensive, altho' at the same time an inviting field for missionary labors.

21. A few days since, I regret, I received a letter from our brother Hayunga, stating that circumstances render it impossible for him to attend our present meeting. (No 9.)

22. Since the removal of our former Secretary from Troy, the Messrs. Tuttle & Richards, printers at that place, have sent in their unsettled accounts against this Synod, amounting to $66 85 cts. for the printing &c of the Proceedings of the last Synod, which accounts I herewith lay before you; (No. 10.) to which,

23. I add my own accounts of expenses incurred in your behalf in the last Synodical year. (No. 11.)

And now, my Brethren, in closing this report, I likewise close my triennial career of labor as your chief organ. Cheerfully I divest myself of the office and titles which your kind voice invested me with, three years since. I am gratefully sensible of the honor you have conferred upon, and the indulgence with which you have borne with me.

May the God of Truth, Wisdom, Love and Peace be with you; fill you amply with his Spirit, and preside over all your consultations and proceedings, so that even by them, His name may be magnified, and His true kingdom be spread, through Jesus Christ His Son, our Lord and Redeemer. Amen!

AUG'S. WACKERHAGEN, *Pres't.*

B.

REPORT OF THE MISSIONARY COMMITTEE.

Your Committee acknowledge with gratitude to Almighty God, that he has continued to bless their labours also in the year that is past.

The following brief statement of the course of their operations is respectfully submitted.

1. The most important occurrence within the bounds of our Missionary field, has been the establishment of the Home Missionary Society, an official account of which has been sent in to the Rev. President of the Synod.

2. At the last meeting of the Synod a petition was presented to your Committee from the congregation at Westcamp, and Woodstock, to have another small appropriation granted them. This request was complied with, and the Rev. Mr. Eyer, was engaged to attend said Congregation. On the authority of a letter received from that gentleman, your Chairman is enabled to state to you, that the condition of these Congregations is improving, the atten-

tion to the preached Word continues, and hopes are entertained of a considerable increase to the Congregations.

3. Your Committee is likewise able to state that favourable results have ensued from the aid afforded to the people in the town of Orleans, Jefferson county The Rev. Mr. Wieting who has visited that people writes: "I have lately returned from a visit to Orleans, and am therefore able to give you a correct statement of the affairs of that place and vicinity. The people there, are still very anxious to have preaching. They have again pleaded with me to write to the chairman of the Missionary Committee to intercede for aid, as they were still unable to support preaching alone; but hope that they may be by another year. For the year now past they made up for me a sum which, with the $25 I received of the Missionary committe, I accepted and engaged to preach for them once in four weeks, but finding their desire for the word of God very great, I have preached this present year 21 times for them. If the Missionary committee continue their favours for the present year, I think certainly they will throw a mite in the Treasury of the Lord.

Your Committee think the station occupied by the Rev. Mr. Wieting is an important one for our Church, and would therefore recommend to the Synod to make such arrangements that said station may be preserved.

4. From the congregations in Canada, under the care of the Rev. Mr. Guenther your Committee have received very favourable accounts. By the exertions of that gentleman a new congregation has been formed at Mohawk-Bay, where a church is now building. In other places within the circle of his activity, prejudices that existed against our Church have been dispelled, and the people now express friendly feelings towards us.

Mr. Guenther has entered into correspondence with Rev. Mr. Peterson of Markham near York, and invited him to join one Synod agreeably to a resolution passed last year; but Mr. Peterson excuses himself on account of his advanced age.

5. From the Rev. Mr. Hayunga, your committee has received information from time to time, from which it appears that the congregations under his care are on the increase. With respect to the Parsonage and glebe that formerly belonged to the congregation at Williamsburg, there is but little prospect of their ever recovering the same. Mr. Hayunga in the course of last winter preached in several destitute parts in the interior of the province.

He has also made known to your committee, that he is credibly informed that in the county of Cornwall, a respectable number of

families reside, who still belong to the Lutheran Church, and he hopes that in time the town of Osnaburgh and these people in Cornwall, will engage the labours of one minister for themselves.

6. The congregation at Danvill, Livingston county, has made application to the chairman of your committee to visit them. This congregation has been for some years under the care of the Rev. Jacob Martin from Pennsylvania, who however has left them in the course of the present summer. Danville is a village of 600 inhabitants. No other church but our own exists in the village. The neighbourhood likewise, is inhabited in a great measure by Germans or the descendants of Germany. The station is a very important one, and they are able to give a tolerable support to a clergyman, who can preach both in the German and English.

7. The Rev. Dr. Wackerhagen, Pres't. of the Synod, has informed your committee that a number of families from this congregation have removed to Wayne Co. in this State, and has recommended them to the attention of the Miss. Com. This recommendation will be attended to as early as possible.

8. The congregation at Osquack have been visited since Rev. Mr. Thummel left it, by the chairman of the committee, as well as student of divinity from Hartwick Seminary. And it is intended that they by a shall be supplied as often as convenient.

9. Canajoharie having been given up by the Rev. Mr. Lawyer, it was thought too important a station to be neglected. Accordingly an arrangement was entered into, by means of which they have had preaching from a member of our community pretty regularly once a fortnight, though attended with considerable inconvenience to the gentlemen who have visited that place.

Before closing this report, your committee would state, that every year the importance of our Missionary operations become more apparent, and it is earnestly hoped that before another year passes away every congregation in connexion with this Synod, will have formed an Auxiliary Society to aid in the good work.

All which is respectfully submitted.

ERNEST L. HAZELIUS, Chairman,
G. A. LINTNER.

C.

REPORT

OF THE COMMITTEE ON HARTWICK SEMINARY,

—

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD.

St. Matthew's Church, New-York, September 15, 1828.

The Committee appointed by this Synod, on the Hartwick Seminary, respectfully

REPORT:

That six years have elapsed since the passing of the resolution constituting your Committee, by which it is made "the official duty of said Committee, to attend the annual examinations of the students—endeavor to ascertain the actual state of the funds of said Corporation—its annual revenues and expenditures—the situation of the Library—the convenience of the buildings belonging to said Seminary—the number of Professors, and the different branches of literature in the same. And also, to devise a general system by which the Theological department may be extended, and thereby the interests of our church essentially promoted."

Two of the committee (in the absence of the Chairman,) attended the examination of the Students in the Academical department, on the 26th of August last. This examination was conducted in the presence of a committee appointed by the Trustees of the Institution, and a number of its friends and literary gentlemen. The result was highly satisfactory to your committee, and received the approbation of those who attended. We are also gratified in being enabled to state, that a class was examined in *Natural History*, a new branch, introduced by the Rev'd. Principal, during the last year. The study is intended to be continued, and it is expected that the class will, in the course of the ensuing year, be considerably increased. The recital of this class excited much interest; and as far as they had progressed, seemed to have acquired an accurate knowledge of the subject.

The funds of the instituton are augmenting. Since the first report of your committee on this subject, they have increased about

$4000. The revenues at present vary from about $1800 to $1900, annually—and the expenditures amount to about $1500, annually. The expenditures have, since the last year, been considerable more, on account of the salary of an additional professorship, and therefore the funds cannct be expeted to increase so rapidly as heretofore.

The buildings belonging to the Seminary, are at present, in a good state of repair. There is yet but one edifice for the accommodation of students and no effectual measures have been taken to erect a chapel, which your committee deems highly necessary. We are happy to state that the number of students, during the last year, has far exceeded that of many years past, so that the revenue arising from tuition alone amounts to about $600. From information received from the Rev. Principal, the conduct of the students generally has been such as to meet his approbation; and nothing has happened which is calculated to disturb the peace or materially injure the prosperous state of the Institution.

The Seminary is now under the direction of a Principal, who, by virtue of his office, is also Professor of Theology. The Charter granted by the Regents of the University of this State, expressly declares, "that the Principal of the Seminary shall *always* be a Lutheran Minister, of good standing, whose duty it shall be, in addition to the other branches of education to be taught in the Seminary, *to teach candidates for the GospelMinistry, in the said Seminary*, a regular system of Theology." This duty made incumbent upon the Rev. Principal, by the charter of the Institution, has hitherto been faithfully performed, and a number of persons who have received instruction, and finished their Theological studies in said Seminary, have been licensed and ordained Ministers by our Synod, and are now zealously engaged in the cause of their Divine Master, and preaching "Jesus Christ and him crucified," and remission of sins through His atoning blood. It is also pleasing to state, that an additional Professorship has been established. The Board of Trusteees at their meeting in August, 1827, invited the Reverend George B. Miller, to the office of Professor in the Seminary; which invitation he accepted and immediately removed to Hartwick, and entered upon the discharge of his duties.—The labors which heretofore devolved upon the Principal alone, are now divided between the two Professors, so that each department receives its proper attention, and the object and interests of the Institution have been already more effectually promoted.

The examination of the Students in the Theological department was held on the 27th of August last in the presence of the Trustees.

The number of Students at present pursuing Theological studies, is small, compared with that of former years, and wholly insufficient to supply the present wants of our Church. It is sincerely to be regretted that there are so few pious young men in our communion, who feel willing and desirous to devote themselves to the Gospel Ministry, and labour in the vineyard of Christ But one student applies for license at the present session, and we hesitate not to say, that many more would find sufficient work in our Church, at present so rapidly extending in every direction. The Library belonging to this department, as will be seen by former reports, has increased, and contains at present about 1200 volumes.

JOHN D. LAWYER,
HENRY F. COX.